

FISCAL NOTE

HB 54 – SB 433

April 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for promoting prostitution from a Class E felony to a Class D felony offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$26,400 / Incarceration*

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, there has been an average of 19 convictions per year for the past five years. The Department of Correction (DOC) estimates four offenders a year will receive a sentence elevated from a Class E to a Class D felony and will serve an additional 0.3 years (an increase from 0.3 years to 0.6 years) as a result of this bill.
- According to DOC, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2007 is \$60.16. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,592.33 (\$60.16 x 109.58 days). The cost per inmate at 0.6 years is \$13,184.06 (\$60.16 x 219.15 days). The additional cost from increasing the average sentence length from 0.3 years to 0.6 years is \$6,591.73 (\$13,184.06 - \$6,592.33). The total additional operating cost for four offenders is \$26,366.92 (\$6,591.73 x 4).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director